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: ALUMINUM-PLATED STEEL  
: SHEET FOR FUEL TANK AND  
: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
: FUEL TANK FROM THE STEEL  
: SHEET

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Japanese publication 09142466 discloses a rust-proof steel plate for a fuel tank. Japanese publication 10193507 discloses a steel plate for a fuel tank with rust prevention. Japanese publication 06306637 discloses a rust preventative steel sheet for a fuel tank. Japanese publication 09053166 discloses a rust preventative steel sheet for a fuel tank. Japanese publication 10272582 discloses a seam welding method for a fuel tank made of aluminum based plated plate. Japanese publication 62120494 discloses a rust preventing steel sheet for fuel tank. Japanese publication 57041396 discloses the production of PB-SN alloy plated steel plate. Japanese abstract JP53-19981A discloses a steel sheet coated with chromate films and is discussed in the specification.

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